GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
A. VENKATESH NAIK

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are providing financial assistance to the State Governments for the development and promotion of Handloom Industry under various Centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) if so, whether in order to provide relief to handloom weavers; a New Insurance Scheme for handloom weavers was introduced during 1997-98;

(c) whether not a single penny has been given to the State of Maharashtra and Karnataka under this scheme so far;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether these States have also not been given any financial assistance under another scheme called `Development of Exportable Products and their Marketing Scheme` which was introduced during 1995-96;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Central Government extends financial assistance to various State Governments under welfare & developmental Schemes for the benefit of handloom weavers of which a scheme called the New Insurance Scheme was also introduced in the financial year 1997-98.

(c) & (g) The State Government of Maharashtra and Karnataka havenot sent any proposals under the New Insurance Scheme or Scheme for Development of Exportable Products and Marketingto the Central Government. Financial assistance can be considered upon the receipt of viable proposals from these States.